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- 11. (C) PolOff delivered the demarche on Kosovo independence as instructed to Husrab Noziri, the newly appointed Head of American and European Affairs at the Tajik Foreign Ministry. Noziri said he would discuss the issue with his superiors, but he would not comment on Tajikistan, s position on Kosovo generally.
- 12. (C) We do not anticipate that we will receive a substantive response by February 12. We expect Tajikistan to side with the Russian Federation on the Kosovo issue, and we doubt that Tajikistan will accede to our request.
- 13. (U) Dushanbe point of contact for follow-up information is Greg Naarden, naardengl@state.sgov.gov. **JACOBSON**